

**CLAIMS**

1 A data carrier comprising a first area (12) comprising a rewritable material, said first  
area being defined as a read-only area by means of type information recorded on said data  
5 carrier in an unerasable way.

2 A data carrier as claimed in claim 1, said data carrier further comprising a second area  
(13) comprising a rewritable material, said first and second areas being parts of a same layer  
of said data carrier.

3 A data carrier as claimed in claim 2, said data carrier comprising a central part (10),  
10 the first area being nearer to said central part than the second area.

4 A data carrier as claimed in claim 1, said data carrier comprising a type area (11)  
comprising said type information recorded by means of pits and lands.

5 A data carrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein said type information is recorded by  
means of a frequency modulated wobble.

15 6 A rewritable Compact Disc as claimed in claim 5, said disc comprising a lead-in area,  
said type information being encoded as Absolute Time In Pre-groove data in said lead-in  
area.

7 A Blu-Ray disc as claimed in claim 5, said type information being encoded as  
Permanent Information and Control data.